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CAPE TOWN FOR EMBASSY

E.O. 11652:GDS

TAGS: PINS, IS, MZ, US, OREP (GILMAN, BENJAMIN)

SUBJECT:CASE OF MIRON MARCUS

REF: STATE 77140 (NOTAL)

1. WE UNDERSTAND THAT ELEMENTS OF INTERNATIONAL PRISONER  
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SWAP (REFTEL, BEING REPEATED TO MBABANE) WILL BE CARRIED  
OUT IN NEAR FUTURE. SCHEDULED TO BE INCLUDED IS MIRON  
MARCUS, AN ISRAELI CITIZEN AT PRESENT IN MOZAMBICAN  
CUSTODY.

2. BACKGROUND: MARCUS, AN ISRAELI CITIZEN, WAS CAPTURED  
IN LATE 1976 BY GPRM WHEN PRIVATE AIRPLANE HE WAS FLYING

FROM RHODESIA TO SOUTH AFRICA APPARENTLY STRAYED OVER MOZAMBIQUE AND WAS SHOT DOWN BY MOZAMBICAN TROOPS. MARCUS, WHO WAS WOUNDED, WAS JAILED IN MAPUTO. IN JANUARY 1977, HE WALKED AWAY FROM HIS PLACE OF CAPTIVITY AND IN THE COURSE OF MAKING ROUNDS OF MAPUTO LOOKING FOR SOME AVENUE OF ESCAPE STOPPED AT US EMBASSY. IT WAS EXPLAINED TO MARCUS THAT WE COULD OFFER HIM NEITHER ASYLUM NOR ASSISTANCE IN ESCAPING, AND WITH HIS AGREEMENT WE ARRANGED HIS SURRENDER TO THE GPRM FOREIGN MINISTRY. WE HAVE HAD NO CONTACT WITH HIM SINCE THEN.

3. WE HAVE BEEN INFORMED THAT MOZAMBICAN GOVERNMENT HAS DECIDED TO RELEASE MARCUS AT GOBA, ON THE SWAZILAND BORDER, SOMETIME DURING THE AFTERNOON OF SUNDAY, APRIL 23. CONGRESSMAN BENJAMIN A. GILMAN (NY), WHO HAS BEEN INVOLVED IN THE CASE, IS PLANNING TO BE ON SWAZI SIDE OF THE BORDER AT THE TIME OF MARCUS' RELEASE. THERE MAY BE US PRESS REPRESENTATIVES PRESENT (NEWSWEEK HAS BEEN WORKING ON A STORY ON PRISONER SWAP).

4. CONGRESSMAN GILMAN HAS ASKED THAT A MEMBER OF THE EMBASSY STAFF ACCOMPANY HIM TO THE BORDER AND FACILITATE TRAVEL ARRANGEMENTS. WE WILL PROVIDE EMBASSY WITH DETAILS OF CODEL'S FULL TRAVEL PLANS AS SOON AS THEY ARE AVAILABLE.

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5. ALSO PLANNING TO BE PRESENT AT BORDER IS SHABTAI KALMANOVITCH, AN ASSOCIATE OF ISRAELI KNESSET MEMBER SHMUEL FLATTO-SHARON, WHO FIRST PROPOSED THE PRISONER SWAP. CHRISTOPHER

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